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children, after about the age of six, defecate in the river or in the monte behind the house. As soon as an infant is able to sit, he is placed over the woman's and girl's urination hole to defecate. He is not permitted to return to the comfort of the house until he has done so. The weather may be somewhat inclement, it may be dark, the child may howl and scream, he may decide to withhold his feces in defiance of parental command, but no leniency is shown. He must sit out on the causeway, alone, miserable, afraid or defiant, and only after he defecates, is he removed and brought into the house where he may be rewarded with the breast. By the time the child is two years old, he is trained, or perhaps, a better word, broken. Understandably, most Cayapa show an extraordinarily negative reaction to the sight of feces. One day four young boys, ranging in age from about ten to fourteen, came to visit just as my infant son defecated. The boys stopped in their tracks and one, pointing to the mass on the floor, shouted, "/pe/" 'feces,' whereupon they fled.

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If no new sibling has arrived, the Cayapa infant is permitted to nurse at the breast for about three years.

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